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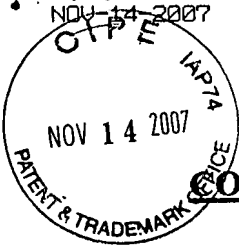
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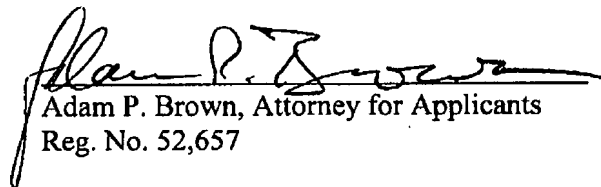
In the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 30, 2007, the Examiner allowed claims 1-9.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration and allowance of all pending claims in the application. Along with the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicants agree that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the subject matter set forth in the allowed claims. In so much as the Examiner was attempting to distinguish over the prior art based on the elements recited in the present claims, Applicants respectfully agree with the Examiner's assertions. However, Applicants does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization and assertions relating to Hachimaki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,540,817).

Respectfully submitted,

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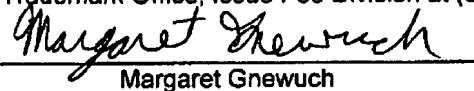
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